

SAVE A MILLION LIVES "A Call To Love"

The 'Save A Millions Lives Campaign' is one of the projects initiated by the Neko Tech Centre in the Ada region of Ghana. It is primarily a health project that deals with a wide range of issues affecting the community due to the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the region.

Some of the forgotten casualties of HIV/AIDS are the orphaned children it creates when parents die due to the illness. The centre currently deals with over 500 of these orphans and the number is growing. The centre helps the orphans in various ways, from emotional through to financial support. Two of the greatest challenges are, finding homes for them and finances to keep the orphans in school.



On a visit to Ghana in March 2004, Andy Bailey of Kleen IT and Enterprise Data Systems had an opportunity to see for himself some of the effects that HIV/AIDS epidemic has on these children. Princess Asie Ocansey (President of the NGO that runs the centre) explained to Andy Bailey "approximately £10.00 to £15.00 will keep one of the orphans in primary school for a whole year". Based on what he had seen first hand and wanting to help in some way, Andy and the Princess agreed to setup a school fund within the "Save A Millions Lives" Campaign specifically to finance educating some the orphans. Through his company Enterprise Data

Systems, Andy kick-started the fund by committing to invest £500.00 per year for at least the next five years. He also committed to trying to find ways to enhance this investment on his return to the UK. The aim is to try and grow the fund to £10,000 per year so as to keep nearly all the orphans in school and assist with purchasing uniforms and shoes.

In order to help them to provide with some long term self sustainability Andy instigated a second project namely the "Pens for Pigs Campaign". This was started to set up a pig farming business for the orphans. Andy has been collecting promotional pens from his suppliers, business colleagues and anyone who wants to donate them. The pens were then sold to schools in Ghana at a reduced cost, who in turn sold them to the students again at a reduced cost.



With the monies raised by the sale of the pens and a contribution from Enterprise Data Systems, the piggery was started. There are currently 3 female pigs and 1 male pig. This business is self sustaining and will develop to provide future income for the orphans. This project will now be used as a model in other regions to provide income for other orphans. An investment of £5000.00 is needed to start-up each piggery and run it for 12 months.



The third project Andy has committed to is to raise £100,000.00 in order to build an orphanage to provide a loving home environment for some of the growing number of orphans. To assist with this project the charity "Save A Million Lives" has now been setup here in the UK. All donations and assistance welcome no matter how small.

THE CHILDREN ARE THE FUTURE OF OUR WORLD AND IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO PREPARE THEM FOR WHAT LIES AHEAD OF THEM. PLEASE HELP US TO SUPPORT THEM.

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